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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF SURPLUS RAILROAD EQUIPMENT

REF : STATE 075984

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE TALKED TO PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF AFE (STATE RAILROAD) TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE AWARE OF PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE IN TRANSPORTING TO URUGUAY SURPLUS RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ALREADY PURCHASED AND PROBABLY TO BE PURCHASED FROM U.S. ARMY.

2. SINCE INQUIRIES INTO POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF SURPLUS SHIP IN U.S. WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, AFE IS NOW ABOUT TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT AND HAS COMPILED ROUGH ESTIMATES OF WEIGHTS AND VOLUMES INVOLVED. U.S. MILGROUP IS AIDING AFE TO CHECK ONE FINAL POINT: I.E, WHETHER ANY REQUIREMENT TO SHIP ANY PORTION OF EQUIPMENT IN U.S. FLAG IS APPLICABLE.

3. AFE IS AWARE OF JUNE 30 CLOSURE OF CHARLESTON DEPOT AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MOVE EQUIPMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AFE PRESIDENT POINT OUT THAT, EVEN WITHOUT JUNE 30 DEADLINE, IT IS IN AFE INTEREST TO BRING TO URUGUAY AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE

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EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH AFE HAS ALREADY PAID AND WHICH IS OF NO

USE TO AFE IN U.S.

4. AFE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS NOT YET APPROVED PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN REFTEL PARAGRAPH 1, BUT APPROVAL IS LIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING SOON. AFE HAS ASSURED US THAT GOU WILL ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER ALL NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

5. RECOGNIZING FINANCIAL SCOPE OF THIS TRANSACTION, AND TO BE SURE OF HIGH-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR AFE PROGRAM, AMBASSADOR DIRECTED THAT MATTER BE ELEVATED TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL BEFORE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PURCHASING MISSION TO US LAST NOVEMBER. UPON OBTAINING ASSURANCE OF MINISTER UBILLOS, MISSION VISIT WENT FORWARD. SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE NUMBER 335/974-306, FROM FONOFF DATED FEB. 7, 1974 EXPRESSING FULL GOU APPROVAL FOR THIS PROJECT AND ASKING OUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT.
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